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# HIS MAJESTIES SPEECH

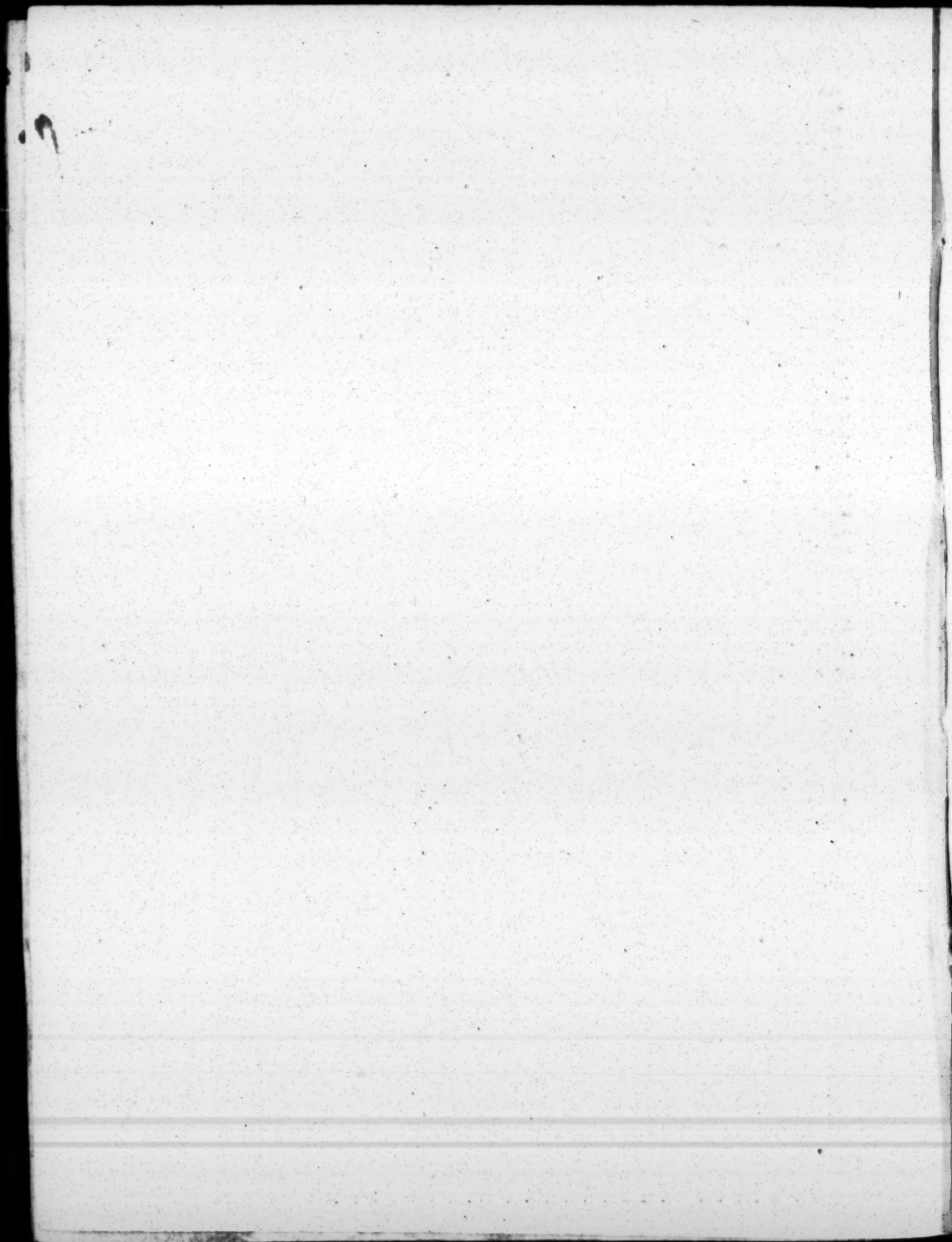
To the Gentlemen, Freeholders,  
and other Inhabitants of the County  
of DENBIGH and FLINT.

At *Wrexham* the 27 of September.

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Gentlemen,



Am willing to take all occasions to  
visit my good Subjects (in which  
number I have cause to reckon  
you of these two Counties, having  
lately had a good expression of your  
Loyalty and Affections to me, by  
those Levies, which at your charge  
have been sent me from your parts; which for-  
wardnesse of yours, I shall alwayes remember to  
your advantage) and to let you know, how I have  
been dealt with, by a powerfull Malignant Party  
in this Kingdom, whose designe is no lesse then to  
destroy my Person & Crown, the Law of the Land,  
and the present government both of Church and  
State. The leaders of these men by their Subtily,  
and cunning Practises, have so prebailed upon the  
meaner sort of People about London, that they  
have called them up into frequent and dangerous  
Tumults, and thereby have chased from thence  
my selfe and the greatest part of the Members of  
both Houses of Parliament. Their Power and  
secret Plots have had such influence upon the

small remaining part of both Houses, that under  
 colour of Orders and Ordinances, made without  
 the Royall Assent, (a thing never heard of before  
 this Parliament) I am robbed and spoiled of my  
 Towns, Forts, Castles, and Goods; my Navie is  
 forcibly taken from me, and employed against me,  
 all my Revenue is stopt, and seized upon, and at  
 this time a powerfull Army is marching against  
 me; I wish this were all: They have yet further  
 laboured to alienate the Affections of my good  
 People; They have most injuriously bented many  
 Reproaches against my Person and Government;  
 They have dispersed, in Print, many notorious  
 false Scandals upon my Actions, and Intenti-  
 ons; And in particular, have laboured to cast up-  
 on me some Aspersions, concerning the horrid,  
 bloody, impious Rebellion in Ireland; They  
 tell the People, that I have recalled two Ships  
 appointed for the Guard of those Seas: 'Tis true;  
 But they conceale, that at the same time I sent  
 my Warrants to the Downs, commanding four  
 as good Ships to attend that Service, in stead of  
 those that should be recalled; which Warrants, by  
 their means, could not finde obedience; They for-  
 get that they then employed fourty Ships (many  
 of them my own, and all of them set forth at the  
 publique charge, for the defence of this and that  
 Kingdom) to rob and pillage me of my goods, to  
 chase my good Subjects, and maintain my own  
 Town of Hull against me; And that by the absence  
 of those Ships from the Irish Seas, the Rebels  
 have had opportunity to bring store of Arms, Am-  
 munition,



munition, and Supplies to their succour, (to which we may justly impute the Calamities which have overwhelmed my poor Protestant Subjects there) They cry out upon a few suits of Cloathes appointed, as they say, for Ireland, which some of my Forces took, but concealed that they were taken as they were entring into Coventry (then in open Rebellion against me) where I had reason to beleeebe they would have been disposed of among those Souldiers who there bore Arms against me; They talk of a few Horses, which I have made use of for my Carriages (concealing that they were certified to be uselesse for the service of Ireland) when they themselves, have seized one hundred thousand pounds, particularly appointed, by Act of Parliament, for the relief of Ireland (where my Army is now ready to perish for want of it) and employed it (together with such part of the four hundred thousand pound Subsidie, as they have received) to maintain an unnaturall civill war at home, Neither have they used their fellow subjects better then they have done me their King; By their power, the Law of the Land (your birthright) is trampled upon, and in stead thereof they govern my people by Votes and Arbitrary Orders; Such as will not submit to their unjust unlimited power, are imprisoned, plundered, and destroyed; Such as will not pay such exactions as they require towards this Rebellion, are threatned to be put out of the Protection, (as they call it) of the Parliament; Such as conscientiously remember their Duty and Loyalty to me,

their Sovereign, are rebiled, persecuted and declared Traytors; Such as desire to maintain the true Protestant Religion, as it is established by the Laws of the Land, are traduced, and called Popish and Superstitious; And on the contrary, such as are known Brownists, Anabaptists, & publike depravers of the Book of Common Prayer are countenanced and encouraged; They exact and receive Tonnage and Poundage, and other great duties upon Merchandizes, not onely without a Law, but in the face of an Act of Parliament to the contrary, past this present Parliament, which puts all men into the condition of a Premunire that shall presume to oppresse the people. If you desire to know who are the Contrivers of these wicked designs, you will finde some of their names in particular, and their Actions at large, in my Declaration of the twelfth of August, (to which I shall refer you) And I wish their craft and power were not such, that few of those Copies can come to the view of my People. Since that time these men have so thirst after the distractions of this Kingdom, that they have prebailed to make all my offers of a Treaty (which might bring prace to this Kingdom, and beget a good understanding betwixt me and my Parliament) fruitlesse. In this distraction, into which these men have brought me and this Kingdom, my Confidence is in the Protection of Almighty God, and the Affections of my good People.

And that you may cleerly see what my Resolutions are, I shall cause my voluntary Protestation lately

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lately taken to be read to you; and desire, that the  
Sheriffs of these two Counties will disperse Co-  
pies of that, and what I now deliver to you,  
having no other way to make it publike,  
these men having restrained the  
use of my Presses at Lon-  
don and the Uni-  
versities.

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